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Black Friday Madness



Photo shows shoppers camping out at Best Buy for Black Friday in Pembroke Pines, Fla. While thousands of people are busy camping out in various Occupy movements around the country, three Florida families decided to occupy the sidewalk outside their local Best Buy in order to be the first persons to be disappointed by the Black Friday offerings on Nov. 25.

"You can't beat some of the deals they have on plasmas, flat screens and laptops," a young woman, who has coordinated her camp-out with three other families, said. "We're all students; you've got to pinch a penny; it's affordable right now."

This weekend, many stores will for the first time use midnight openings along with the usual bevy of deals as they try to lure consumers, whose appetite for good-buys has been increasing since the Great Recession.

Chain stores have been advancing their opening times for several years, but analysts say it has reached a tipping point this season, with Thursday night poised to upend Friday morning as the official holiday kickoff.

Promoting Aruba in Colombia consistently is important for the Colombian market



As part of his official visit to Colombia, Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman visited the Aruba Tourism Office in Bogota. Aruba has had this Office in Colombia for the past 27 years. Today this Office is under the leadership of Maria Victoria Galan. Mrs. Galan reported that her office is also engaged in a vigorous promotion of Aruba. And, that the Colombian Office is currently implementing the new branding of Aruba that the Ministry of Tourism and ATA have introduced. They are also equipping their agents on their knowledge of Aruba.

According to Mrs. Galan, their work is a continuous and structured mixture of all the ingredients to make Aruba attractive to Colombians. Galan reported that Aruba has always been an island that inspired interest to Colombians. Every year there is a large group of Colombians who want to visit Aruba.

Their records indicate that up to October there has been an increase of 17% of Colombian visitors to Aruba. One factor which contributed to this increase is that there are more available airline seats from Avianca and Copa Airlines. During the past week the Office met with Avianca together with the Office of Tourism to inform them of the new tax levy to be introduced in June

2012...the US\$10 levy on every ticket purchased for travel to Aruba.

The Colombian Office also received first hand information about Aruba from the Director of Tourism in Aruba regarding the regional work being done by ATA and how this is benefiting tourism and the airlines. From the Prime Minister they learned what Aruba is doing to improve her product, and of the integral "BoAruba" plan.

Mike Eman appealed to the Aruba Office of Tourism in Colombia to, in addition to promoting Aruba as they always have, complement their information with the changes taking place on Aruba. To share the information concerning the new Aruba, an Aruba no longer solely dependant on the sun and sea to promote the

island. Mrs. Galan agreed that it is important to include financial factors in the promotion of Aruba. As well as the continuity of information from Aruba to Colombian travelers is of utmost importance, according to Mrs. Galan.

She attested to the fact the the initial introduction of the visa requirement did curtail much of the traffic of Colombians to Aruba. Indeed, tourism from Colombia dropped 50% upon the introduction of the visa requirement. However, they have recovered and are working dilligently on making Colombians aware of the positive changes. Expectation now is that tourism from Colombia will increase seven-fold with the implementation of the new, more flexible, visa stipulations.





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Rosabelle Illis asks: What is your message if the world ends? An intriguing calendar for 2012

Part of the vanguard of a new generation of Aruban intelligentsia is young poetess and artist Rosabelle Illes, whose first book of poetry "Beyond Insanity" was published when she was sixteen. Two books later, and after much traveling, attending university, and reflecting on her experiences, she turned her attention to a new project, inspired by the interpretation that the end of the Mayan calendar is predicting the end of the world in 2012.

Whether choosing to accept this premise or not, it certainly could provide an interesting challenge for 12 very talented artists when proposed the question: "If the world were to end, what idea, inspiration or thought would you, as an artist, like to leave behind?"

The results are diverse and quite visceral; they have each been assigned a month and printed as a calendar, with a separate verse by Rosabelle, inspired by their work. Each month also bears a unique symbol indicating a specific task for that month.

The verses are in both Papiamentu and English, with graphics and layout done by Miss December, Robin de Vogel. The calendar was launched at a gala event

at the Arubiana/Carubania Annex of the Aruba National Library on Wednesday evening, November 23.

"The calendar title 'Wholism' refers to that which is produced once a group of artists create works of art based on the same idea and inspiration," explains Rosabelle. 'Wholism' can be achieved by contemplating on any theme. In this case, the result is a frame that redefines itself with every month. The ideas behind each work express profound dimensions which accomplish nothing more than gently inspire you to implement each message in your daily life. The accumulation of inspiration evidently leads up to the month of December, 21st of December 2012 to be exact, where a sense of calm energy is manifested. If internalized, you embody the inevitable wisdom that cultivates itself when the idea of world's end is meditated upon. We live wiser as we receive meaning as opposed to make meaning. What would you like to share if the world were to end? Start implementing today."

The limited edition Wholism Calendar 2012 sells for 25 Aruban florins (\$15).

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Navy divers searching for missing American tourist at Aruba's coast

ORANJESTAD -- At the request of the Public Prosecutor of Aruba, a combined diving team of the Royal Navy in the Caribbean and the Caribbean Coast Guard organized a search for the missing American tourist Robyn Gardner.

The search is part of the investigation into the disappearance of Miss Gardner, who went missing on Aruba on August 2 of this year.

With the advanced radar-the REMUS underwater robot that can scour large areas underwater – an extensive search was conducted by the Aruba Police Corps at three designated sites. Two operators from the Nether-



lands came to Aruba especially for this search operation.

The soil in the designated search areas at depth as well

as from the water surface was carefully searched by both the divers and search teams, but they have found nothing.



Photos show the REMUS underwater robot brought from the Netherlands and the divers searching the waters with the help of a Coast

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"Black Friday" is the name which the Philadelphia Police Department has given to the Friday following Thanksgiving Day. It is not a term of endearment to them.

"Black Friday" officially opens the Christmas shopping season in center city, and it usually brings massive traffic jams and overcrowded sidewalks as the downtown stores are mobbed from opening to closing

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Paseo Herencia is a particularly popular place to enjoy the holiday season; every Fri-

day they feature regional entertainment reserved for Christmastime, Tonight it is Paranda Pa Nos gaita group, which insures all a lively, spirited evening.

A dozen shops are also featuring sidewalk sales, so there will be bargains galore and fabulous markdowns from La Boutique, Aletronic, Del Sol, Cariloha, Havana Nines, The Mask, La Langosta Balaneres, Fabulous, Kapricho, Dask and IZone.

Holiday spirit is in the air, and getting you holiday shopping done is especially fun at Paseo Herencia every night, but particular on Fridays during this special time of year, when special savings and shows abound; shops stay open until 10:00 PM.



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Rosabelle Illis asks . . .

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Poetry from Book 3

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One may choose to buy into the Mayan Calendar as a prediction of the world ending on

December 21, 2012, or perhaps just believe that it was simply meant to fit into a particular space, and since it was a calendar lasting centuries, they weren't really thinking of when they had to print a follow up. Whatever interpretation one subscribes to, the fact that the controversy may prompt some to think philosophically, and recognize that living your life as if this may be your last year of existence, may not be such a bad thing. At least there will be some very lovely, intriguing calendars and collectors' items to mark the occasion.

by Rosalie Klein

New arrest in German neo-Nazi murder probe

BERLIN (AFP) - German authorities made a fresh arrest yesterday in the probe of a neo-Nazi cell believed to be behind 10 murders of mainly Turkish shopkeepers that has deeply embarrassed the country's leaders.

The GSG9 elite anti-terror police unit captured a 32-year-old alleged accomplice identified only as Andre E. near the eastern city of Potsdam and searched four homes.

The suspect is under inves-

tigation for "supporting a terrorist network," the National Social Underground (NSU), which is believed to have gunned down the 10 victims in a decade-long killing spree across the country.

Prosecutors said Andre E. had close contact with NSU members since 2003 and is suspected of making a chilling video in 2007 -- discovered only this month -- in which the militants claimed responsibility for the murders.

Palestinian rivals make fresh attempt at unity



Cairo: Fireworks light up the sky above Cairo's Tahrir square during continuing protests against Egypt's military rulers late yesterday, as members of Egypt's ruling military council rejected calls to step down immediately, saying it would amount to a "betrayal" as anti-military protests entered their seventh day. Top-level talks between Palestinian leader Mahmud Abbas and Hamas chief Khaled Meshaal got under way at a Cairo hotel yesterday in a bid to resolve issues blocking implementation of a unity deal.

AFP PHOTO

Brazil offers to resolve land issue for Guarani Indians

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazilian authorities said yesterday they were close to a deal to secure a demarcated territory for Kaiowa Guarani Indians in the western state of Mato Grosso do Sul following last week's killing of a community chief.

Thousands of Guaranis have been trying to recover a small portion of their ancestral lands, but face violent resistance from wealthy ranchers and soya and sugar cane plantation owners.

"We are close to reaching a deal with the government of Mato Grosso do Sul state to secure a demarcated area for them (Guaranis)," said Gilberto Carvalho, the secretary-general of the presidency. "It's a concern, a commitment."

The Indigenous Missionary Council, however, reacted with skepticism, saying the agreement dates back to 2008 but has never been put into effect.

"We doubt that the govern-

ment has sufficient political will to do it, because Mato Grosso do Sul is a state dominated by agroindustrial interests," said Saulo Feitosa, deputy secretary of CIMI, an agency defending indigenous rights.

He said there was "great concern" about the safety of the Guaranis as another attack could occur at any time.

Last Friday, 42 heavily armed, hooded men attacked the Kaiowa Guarani community in the village of Amambai, near the border with Paraguay, and shot the 59-year-old chief,

Nisio Gomes.

The government agency for indigenous people, FUNAI, said the assailants kidnapped a child and two youths and took away Gomes' body.

The raid was the latest in a series of violent incidents linked to land disputes in Brazil, where one percent of the population controls 46 percent of the cultivated land.

The official Agencia Brasil, meanwhile, quoted Carvalho as saying the federal government was doing its utmost to resolve the indigenous problem in Mato Grosso do Sul.

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Brazil dismantles gang that cheated air crash victims

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - Brazilian yesterday dismantled a gang that faked documents to fraudulently collect compensation owed to air accident victims.

Federal prosecutors pressed charges against 20 people who masqueraded as relatives of air crash victims who died leaving no heir.

The victims had died in a 2009 Air France crash that killed 228 people, a 2007 Brazilian TAM airliner crash

in Sao Paulo and the crash of a Brazilian Gol in the Amazon jungle in 2006.

"As many of the people who died (in the crashes) had no next of kin, the fraudsters faked (social security) documents to pass themselves off as relatives and thus illegally collected pensions," prosecutors said in a statement.

Officials said the gang illegally collected \$1.6 million through their scheme.

Central America storms caused \$2 bln in damage

SAN SALVADOR (AFP) - Violent storms that tore through Central America in October killed 123 people and caused \$2 billion in damages, according to a report by regional experts.

The report was put together by the UN-backed Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL) and presented late Wednesday at a meeting with representatives from the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.

Aside from those killed, "the greatest damage was caused to the transportation and communications infrastructure," said CEPAL's Ricardo Zapata.

El Salvador suffered most of the weather damage, followed by Nicaragua.

Agriculture, livestock and fisheries were most affected in Honduras, while transportation and water supply were severely hampered in Nicaragua. Costa Rica suffered serious road damage.

The amount of damage from the heavy rains, which triggered landslides and caused floods that swept away bridges and destroyed roads, was not detailed by country in the re-

port.

Heavy rain pounding the region in October

The storm's main impact will be cumulative, the report said, as huge swathes of farmland where beans, rice and corn -- the regional dietary staples -- were grown have been destroyed and could lead to long-term food shortages. Health authorities have also warned of virus outbreaks in the region.

In Central America, annual losses due to natural disasters normally range between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion.

EU court rules against web filters to block file sharing

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) - Internet service providers cannot be forced to install filters aimed at preventing people from illegally downloading music and other files, the EU's top court ruled yesterday.

The decision by the European Union Court of Justice is a defeat for backers of web filters, including artists and the entertainment industry, who are fighting to protect their work from circulating freely on the Internet.

The judges ruled that a na-

J.K. Rowling says tabloids targeted her children

LONDON (AFP) - Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling lambasted Britain's press yesterday for invading her children's privacy, telling an inquiry that a journalist even slipped a letter into her daughter's schoolbag.

Rowling said another tabloid reporter contacted a headmaster over untrue claims that her daughter had upset classmates by telling them the boy wizard died in the last book in the bestselling series.

"I can't put an invisibility cloaking device over myself and my house, nor would I wish to. But it is not normal for anyone, famous or not famous, for their address to be known to millions of newspaper readers," she said.

Rowling was speaking to the judge-led inquiry into press ethics London after actress Sienna Miller and former Formula One boss Max Mosley complained of abuse by Rupert Murdoch's News of the World tabloid.

Her voice cracked with anger and emotion as she said the letter from the journalist came in the first flush of success of her books, which have sold more than 400 million copies and spawned a lucrative

film series.

"I unzipped her (her daughter's) bag in the evening and among the usual letters from school and debris that any child generates, I found an envelope addressed to me. The letter was from a journalist," she said.

"It's very difficult to say how angry I felt that my five-year-old's school was no longer a place of complete security from journalists."

The author said she had tried to keep her children out of the limelight and so assumed the media would leave them alone, but some journalists saw that as a "challenge."

In another case, a journalist pretending to be from the tax office called her husband and got him to disclose his salary and address.

Earlier, "Alfie" star Miller said her emails and phones were hacked by the News of the World as part of a "web of surveillance" that led her to make paranoid accusations against her friends.

Miller, 29, the ex-girlfriend of Hollywood star Jude Law, was one of the first British celebrities to take action against the News of the World for phone-hacking.

She said that after the paper paid her damages, she finally saw the notes of its private investigator Glenn Mulcaire, who was jailed for hacking in 2007.

Former Formula One chief Max Mosley meanwhile said News International, which owned the News of the World, tried to "destroy" him after he challenged a story about his involvement in a sadomasochistic orgy.

Mosley, 71, said he took News International to court after the paper published a front-page story in March 2008 entitled "F1 boss has sick Nazi orgy with 5 hookers."

But after Mosley sued over the untrue Nazi claims and over the wider invasion of privacy, News International's lawyers sent video of the incident to the International Motoring Federation (FIA) and invited its members to view it.

Mosley said the story had a serious effect on his son, who died of a drug overdose in May 2009.

Mosley has won damages from News International in British and French courts for invasion of privacy over the story.

At least 20 bodies dumped in Mexico's second city

GUADALAJARA: AFP photo shows soldiers standing by one of the three trucks found with more than 20 bodies, at a street of Guadalajara, Jalisco State, Mexico yesterday.

Officials have found at least 20 bodies in three vehicles abandoned in Mexico's second most populous city Guadalajara, the state prosecutor's office yesterday.

The macabre discovery came just ahead of a major international book fair in



the western city and a day after 17 charred bodies were found in two vehicles

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Recipient doing well after first artificial windpipe graft

PARIS (AFP) - The world's first artificial windpipe transplant has been such a success that a second operation has been carried out and a third is being planned, The Lancet reported on Thursday.

Andemariam Teklesenbet Beyene, a 36-year-old Eritrean, is doing well after undergoing the ground-breaking operation in Stockholm in June, it said.

Beyene, a post-graduate geology student currently living in Reykjavik, Iceland, had had his trachea removed because of cancer.

It was replaced in a 12-hour operation on June 9 with a synthetic "scaffold" covered with his own stem cells, or precursor cells of windpipe tissue.

"The patient has been doing great for the last four months and has been able to live a normal life," the British journal quoted Tomas Gudbjartsson, a professor at Landspítali University Hospital and University of Iceland in Reykjavik, as saying.

"For the last two months he has been able to focus on his studies and the plan is that he will defend his thesis at the end of this year."

The operation, led by Professor Paolo Macchiarini of Stockholm's Karolinska University Hospital, entailed using 3-D imaging to scan Beyene and then building a glass model of the afflicted

section of his windpipe.

The glass was used to shape the artificial scaffold, which was then seeded with stem cells.

Macchiarini has just carried out his second transplant, on a 30-year-old man from Maryland, United States, who also had cancer of the trachea. The scaffold was made from nanofibres and thus "represents a further advance," the Journal quoted Macchiarini as saying.

His team is now hoping to treat a 13-month-old South Korean infant with the same technique.

"We will continue to improve the regenerative medicine approaches for transplanting the windpipe and extend it to the lungs, heart, and oesophagus," said Macchiarini.

It marks a step forward in regenerative medicine, as the organ is tailor-made to the patient, he said.

In addition, artificial organs do not require the long waiting time that usually happens in human donation.

As the stem cells come from the patient himself, this reduces risk of attack by the immune system, which is the case for donated organs whose rejection has to be combatted by taking powerful immunosuppressive drugs.

British women top obesity chart, French aren't all thin: EU

BRUSSELS (AFP) - British women and Maltese men topped European obesity rates according to data released Thursday that also undermined popular belief that all French women are thin.

The figures released by the European Union's statistics agency showed the proportion of obese adults ranging from eight percent to 23.9 percent for women and 7.6 percent to 24.7 percent for men.

Though a worry for public health, the rates are well below those in the United States, where the corresponding figure was 28.8 percent for women and 27.6 percent for men in 2009, Eurostat said.

The lowest shares were recorded in Romania, with eight percent for women and 7.6 percent for men, Italy, with

9.3 percent and 11.3 percent, Bulgaria, at 11.3 and 11.6 percent, and France, 12.7 and 11.7 percent.

Highest proportions for women were in Britain, with 23.9 percent, Malta with 21.1 percent, Latvia with 20.9 percent and Estonia at 20.5 percent.

While men in the former British colony of Malta topped the chart at 24.7 percent, they were closely followed by Britain at 22.1 percent, Hungary with 21.4 percent and the Czech Republic at 18.4.

"There is no systematic difference in obesity between women and men," said Eurostat, adding that the proportion for women was higher in eight EU nations, higher for men in 10 and equal in one.

War vet's dance win gets accolades in high places



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A war veteran who suffered severe burns in a roadside bomb explosion in Iraq won the admiration of US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta this week by dancing his way to victory in a TV show.

JR Martinez was crowned the new champion of ABC television's "Dancing with the

Stars" late Tuesday after dancing a samba to beat out TV reality show star Rob Kardashian and television host Ricki Lake in a suspenseful finale.

"It's amazing. We've all been putting over three months of work into this. To be able to hold that (mirror ball trophy) up was a tremen-

dous honor," Martinez told ABC's "Good Morning America" show.

It was an especially gratifying journey for Martinez, who suffered burns on 40 percent his body in 2003 when the Humvee he was driving in Iraq hit a landmine.

Among his many fans was Panetta, who sent Martinez a letter of praise and plans to meet with him personally today, secretary's spokesman Doug Wilson told AFP.

Martinez spent 34 months in recovery at the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas and underwent 33 surgeries.

"My most memorable year is the year I was injured," he said on the show's website. "This dance is a tribute to the men and women that didn't make it home."

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MANILA (AFP) - Tens of thousands of sympathetic Facebook users helped reunite a Philippine grandmother with her 78-year-old husband who went missing for two weeks, the family said yesterday.

A black-and-white picture of a forlorn Aurelia Matias, 73, sitting on a street corner with a missing persons poster on her back, went viral after an amateur photographer posted it on the popular social networking site on Monday.

Police had failed to find

Luis Matias, 78, who suffers from memory loss, after he walked out of his Manila home on November 11, but he was located within two days of the Facebook post, his daughter Norma

Avancena said.

"We don't even know how to use Facebook, but it was such a big help to us and we thank the person who took my mother's picture and posted it," Avancena, 48, told AFP a day after her parents were reunited.

"My mother was overjoyed. She had almost lost hope that she would ever find him again."

The husband, a retired waiter, was found sitting atop a flower box less than half an

hour's walk from home after a member of the public tipped off a radio station, one of many that latched onto the Facebook story. The post was shared nearly 61,000 times.

"My mother is a thoughtful person. She has been bathing him, cooking for him, feeding him, and changing his diapers ever since he lost his ability to take care of himself. He was her first love," the daughter said.

The photographer, who calls himself Reddie Js, recounted his chance meeting with the frail, white-haired woman, a street vendor, on his Facebook site: "I was... pained to see her looking for him in that manner, so I decided to help."

Global surveys have consistently placed the Philippines, a nation of 94 million people, as among the world's top 10 nations in terms of Facebook use.

Apple drops 'Jew or not Jew' iPhone app



said in court.

Apple France was not immediately available to comment.

"I'm satisfied that Mr Levy has belatedly repented and taken the wise decision to withdraw the application," Lilti said, speaking for four rights groups.

Apple on September 14 withdrew the app from its French online shop after an outcry from rights groups, which demanded the California-based computer giant also drop the app from its other stores.

On October 18 Apple withdrew the app from all its online stores in Europe, but the app, listing 3,500 Jewish personalities, was still available elsewhere in the world.

The International League Against Racism and anti-Semitism (LICRA) has also dropped its demand that Apple uninstall the app from all devices where it has already been installed.

"Where is the anti-Semitism in this case?," Apple's lawyer, Catherine Muyl, said during a hearing for the LICRA case on November 17, insisting that "this is not a discrimination case."

"When Johann Levy conceived his application, he was worried that it would be perceived as too 'pro-Jewish'," Muyl explained.

PARIS (AFP) - French anti-racism groups have dropped anti-Semitism suits against Apple after it withdrew a "Jew or not Jew" iPhone app from its online stores worldwide, the groups' lawyer said.

Groups including the French Jewish Students Union, SOS Racisme and the Movement Against Racism and for Friendship Between People had brought a suit against Apple in Paris demanding it withdraw the app worldwide.

"Listed for you, thousands of Jewish personalities (through their mother), 'half-Jewish' (through their father), or converts," the app's inventor Johann Levy promised potential buyers on the French Apple Store.

Rights groups dropped their suits "after the withdrawal of the application from every country in the world, which satisfies our demand," the groups' lawyer Stephane Lilti

Swiss nuclear shutdown to cost €16.8bn

GENEVA (AFP) - Shutting down Switzerland's five nuclear power stations will cost about 20.7 billion Swiss

francs (16.8 billion euros, \$22.5 billion) and take about 20 years, Swiss authorities said on Thursday.

The most expensive part of the process will be the long-term management of radioactive waste, it said.

The Swiss parliament approved a phased exit from nuclear energy at the end of September, six months after the Fukushima plant catastrophe in Japan.

Strong public opposition to nuclear led to a recommendation that Switzerland's five reactors not be replaced when they come to the end of their operation in 2034.

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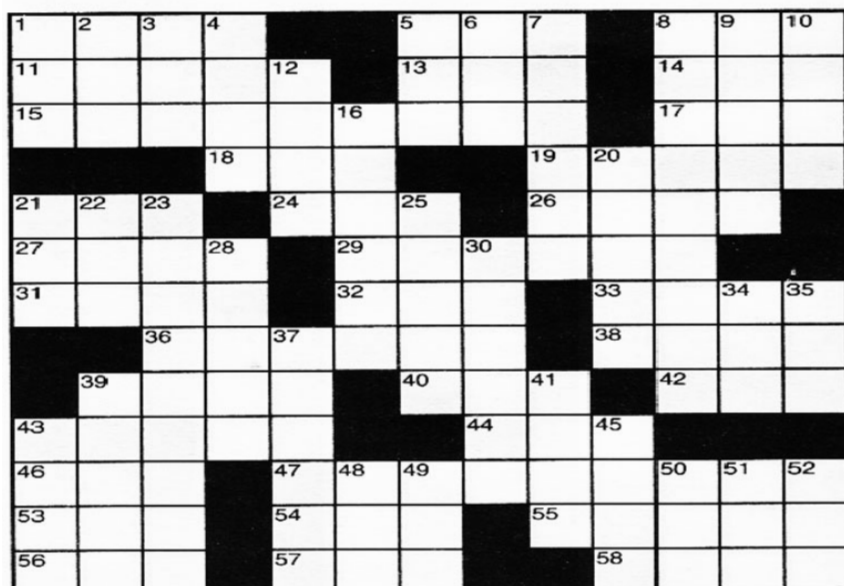
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36. Threw
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40. Thoroughfares: abbr.
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43. Sculptor Andrea —
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28. Chewing tobacco brand
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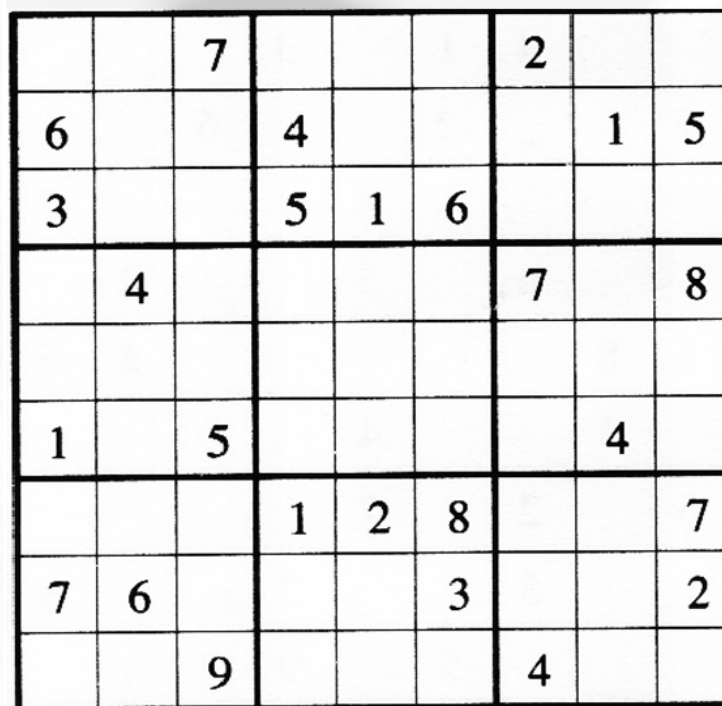
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6	3	8	9	1	5	7	2	4
7	1	9	2	7	8	6	4	3
8	4	7	6	3	2	8	1	5
9	3	2	6	5	8	1	9	7

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9
A number is Never repeated in a row or column.
In addition every rectangle must contain the numbers 1 through 9

Finance

Debt deal failure looms over US military strategy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Military leaders have adapted US strategy as the Pentagon faces major budget cuts, but experts fear the new plans could be shattered due to the threat of automatic financial reductions.

The failure of Democrats and Republicans this week to agree a deal to cut the overall US fiscal deficit has triggered the prospect of the Pentagon automatically losing \$600 billion from its coffers at the start of 2013.

The Pentagon had already agreed to cut \$450 billion in spending over the next decade prior to the failure of the congressional "supercommittee" to agree the deficit reduction deal.

"A cloud of uncertainty will be hanging over the defense budget, potentially for the next 13 months," said Todd Harrison, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments think-tank in Washington.

Defense officials say a "devastating" scenario can be avoided if lawmakers thrash out a deficit reduction deal before the 2013 deadline. But the Pentagon has already been conducting a strategic review due to be completed next month, amid fears a compromise will fail to materialize.

The plan, which would take into account the cutbacks ear-

marked for the next 10 years, would involve "manageable" risks, according to Defense Secretary Leon Panetta. And President Barack Obama's administration has also indicated the strategy would place renewed focus on the Asia-Pacific region.

Analysts expect the army to face the most severe cuts, after its budget swelled dramatically because of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The overall 2013 military base budget is already being worked on and Harrison said the impact will see the Pentagon planning for about \$525 billion in funding for the fiscal year that begins October 1, 2012 and ends September 30, 2013.

If Democrats and Republicans remain at loggerheads and fail to reach a compromise, automatic cuts known as a sequester mechanism will come into force in January 2013, even though the budget for that fiscal year will have already been in effect for three months.

The FY2013 budget would then drop automatically from \$525 billion to \$472 billion, according to Harrison's estimates.

The Pentagon "has plans for all kind of contingencies" but "to date every indication is they're not planning for a sequester level of cuts," he said.

"Any budget cut should be strategy-driven, you should adjust your strategy to the new budget environment, the new reality that we face."

The automatic cuts, which would bring the military budget to its 2007 levels excluding combat operations, pose a grave threat to military effectiveness and the new strategy as they apply evenly across the board, leaving commanders limited room to choose where to save money.

"It removes our ability to do any kind of thoughtful planning," said Captain John Kirby, a Pentagon spokesman.

"There is still time for Congress to do that which the supercommittee failed to do and the Secretary (Panetta) strongly urges them to do that," Kirby added, noting the budget plan factored in the agreed \$450 billion of cuts.

In addition to damaging the new Pentagon strategy, budget cuts could also see Iran, China and North Korea try and take advantage of perceived US weakness, warned Michael O'Hanlon of The Brookings Institution.

"It would be bad economics to jeopardize the stability of today's international system merely to induce the US federal deficit by an arbitrary percentage," he wrote in a USA Today opinion piece.

"The suspension is indefinite," it said, noting that the area affected included the company's permitted wells in the Frade field, part of what is known as Brazil's potentially massive 'sub-salt' oil reserves.

On November 8, a helicopter from Brazil's state-owned oil company Petrobras spotted a slick and the leakage was traced to a well operated by Chevron 1,200 meters (4,000 feet) deep near the Frade field, 370 kilometers (230 miles) off the Rio de Janeiro coast.

The national oil agency ANP said Wednesday that Chevron Brazil's activities would be suspended until "the cause and those responsible for the spill have been identified and safety conditions have been restored in the area."

Brazilian authorities say the spill is now under control and that the oil slick has been reduced to two square kilometers (0.8 miles).

Chevron suspends Brazil offshore drilling

BRASILIA (AFP) - US oil giant Chevron Corporation said yesterday that it had suspended its current and future drilling operations off Rio de Janeiro state, following a crude oil slick in the area.

The company said in a statement that while its Brazilian subsidiary had not received formal notice from the national oil agency of an order to stop offshore drilling it had decided to do so.



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MEXICO CITY: AFP photo shows bank notes, part of a seizure of more than 15 million US dollars during a presentation to the press on November 22, 2011 in Mexico City. The money was sized to alleged members of the Guzman Loera drug cartel, led by Joaquin "El Chapo Guzman", during the regional "Operation Fox" in Tijuana last November 18.

Cuban banks to offer loans for first time

HAVANA (AFP) - Cuba authorized banks yesterday to loan money to small businesses, private farmers and people who want to repair or build homes -- a revolutionary step for the island's communist government.

The measure, which comes into effect December 20, is part of a cautious overhaul of Cuba's Soviet-style economy that began when Raul Castro took over from his older brother Fidel as president in 2006.

Farmers "can ask for loans for the purchase and repair of equipment... and other actions that contribute to rising agricultural production," read the decree published in the Official Gazette.

The loans will be available "always in Cuban pesos" and the amount and conditions will be agreed between the bank and the borrower, according to the decree.

A convertible peso, known as CUC, pegged to the US dollar is also available on the island. Each convertible peso is currently valued at 24 Cuban pesos.

Cuba's economy has been controlled by the state ever since the 1959 revolution, people have traditionally turned to family and friends when they need a loan.

Those few Cubans with bank accounts include musicians who go on foreign tours and professionals, especially doctors, who work abroad.

While pay in Cuba is meager -- about \$20 a month -- basic food items are subsidized, and health services and education are free.

The loan program will help home builders, as Cuba currently needs an estimated one million units.

The loans will also help small businesses like "paladares," or private restaurants, that have sprouted in Cuba to service the island's growing tourist industry.

Cuba's single-party regime authorized the purchase and sale of automobiles earlier this year.

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The highlight of the vacation is the traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at their home away from home the night before they leave to go back to the States to their daily lives of work and school. Photos by Diane Keijzer show "one happy family". Happy Thanksgiving, and see you next year!



George Michael cancels gigs with pneumonia

VIENNA (AFP) - George Michael has pneumonia and has postponed upcoming concerts, the British singer's website said Wednesday, with Austrian television reporting he was being treated in a Vienna hospital.

A statement posted late Wednesday on <http://www.georgemichael.com/> said Michael, 48, had been "diagnosed with pneumonia. He is currently receiving treatment."

Concerts on this coming

Saturday and Sunday in Cardiff, Wales have been postponed, following the cancellation of earlier gigs in Vienna on Monday and in Strasbourg, France on Wednesday.

Austrian channel ORF reported that the singer was also suffering from heart problems but the statement gave no further details, and contacted by AFP, the Vienna hospital

where he was reported to be being treated declined to comment.

The singer -- who first found fame in 1980s pop group Wham! and has gone on to sell more than 100 million records worldwide - has performed around 45 shows to date as part of his "Symphonica - The Orchestral Tour" that began in August.

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"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and families, famed hotelier Ed Malone has been placed in charge of the rental program.

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers,

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Adorable and affordable; 5 Burgers Aruba offers an island twist to the great American Burger

Expatriates residing on Aruba, Aaron and Rosie Walisever are living their dream: a home on paradise while welcoming all and sundry to their proud undertaking, 5 Burgers Aruba. Some may be quite well acquainted with a nationally known U.S. franchise bearing the name "5", and patrons can expect the same great quality between the buns, but an expanded menu and Rosie and Aaron's fanatical dedication to giving their customers what



Rosie and Aaron love their burger too



Gouda Burger 2

they really want has resulted in a unique menu.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," comments Aaron; and upon entering 5 Burgers Aruba in The Village Mall in Palm Beach, one is struck by utterly spotless surroundings and a smiling, friendly, attentive service crew. Of course, the main item on the menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

Prices vary only slightly between regular and small (basically 2 patties or 1) with specialty items such as Gouda Burger, Farmer's Burger, Man Burger (almost 12 ounces of choice beef), and a Western Burger with crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce. All of these can be personalized with an incredible array of toppings, (mushrooms, jalapeño peppers, bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato...whatever the list goes on) at absolutely no extra cost.

5 Burger portions are ENORMOUS! Aaron suggests that even their small serving of fries, which are

made from hand-cut fresh Idaho potatoes, is enough to be shared by two. He was very amused to watch a famous French chef demonstrating the best way to make fried potatoes on a gourmet cooking show and could only comment "He stole my recipe!" Try them the English way-with vinegar, and you'll wonder how you ever ate fries without it. This same 5-star chef also swears by Gouda as the best topping for the ideal gourmet cheeseburger.

If you are a fan of crispy friend onion rings, as we are at THE MORNING NEWS, you cannot leave there without trying their secret recipe batter-dipped gourmet rings, made from fresh, not frozen onions. Unquestionably, the best we have had anywhere, and for those that like a little spice, the fried jalapeños are a real treat. Aaron and Rosie have expanded their menu to accommodate certain tastes and dietary needs; they offer a tasty grilled chicken sandwich as well.

5 Burgers Aruba is open for lunch & dinner - daily hours are Noon to 10-ish; delivery is available to both the high-rise and low-rise hotel and beach district for orders over \$50. Enjoy a great lunch without ever leaving the beach by calling 586-3904. However, we suggest you stop by and enjoy their authentic, heartfelt hospitality; it is not unusual for either owner or Manager Marc Anthony when things are not too busy, to sit and chat while sharing their knowledge of the island. Totally yummy and fun plus a great deal for a quality burger, they are definitely worth a visit

SPORT

Tennis: Federer beats Fish to extend winning run



Roger Federer of Switzerland returns against Mardy Fish of the US during their group B singles match on November 24, 2011. Federer won 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

LONDON (AFP) - Defending champion Roger Federer maintained his 100 percent record at this year's ATP World Tour Finals by completing his group fixtures with a 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 victory over America's Mardy Fish on Thursday.

Federer was already guaranteed top spot in Group B and a place in the semi-finals after winning his first two matches and the Swiss survived a mid-match wobble against Fish to extend his impressive run at London's O2 Arena.

Federer's 37th career Tour Finals victory moved him into second place on the all-time list ahead of Boris Becker and he is only two wins behind leader Ivan Lendl.

His semi-final opponent is still to be decided, but if Federer can maintain this impressive form it would be no surprise to see him win the tournament for a record sixth

time and equal Lendl's tally of victories in the process.

In contrast, Fish, who was already out of contention for a semi-final spot after losing against Rafael Nadal and Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, ends his first visit to the season finale without a win.

"I didn't expect anything different from Mardy. He is always very dangerous," Federer said.

"He takes the ball very early, serves great and can get on a roll, so obviously I'm relieved to win.

"It is great to have won all three matches in the group stages. I have had a great run since the US Open and I'm still going strong."

While Andy Murray is out of the tournament due to a groin injury and Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic are weary at the end of a gruelling campaign, Federer, who is now on a 15-match winning

run, looks fresher than ever.

Even by his sky-high standards, Federer's 6-3, 6-0 demolition of Rafael Nadal on Tuesday ranked as one of the best performances of his life and he carried on in the same vein in the first set against Fish.

The 30-year-old's piercing forehands repeatedly pushed Fish behind the baseline as the American scrambled to stay in the points and it was no surprise that Federer broke twice in the first four games to take a 3-1 lead.

Even when Fish earned three break points when Federer served for the set, the 16-time Grand Slam winner produced a barrage of brilliant serves to get out of trouble.

Fish had nothing to play for and could have been forgiven for bowing out quietly, yet he refused to surrender and came out swinging at the start of the second set.

His aggression seemed to take Federer by surprise. Federer managed to save one break point, but Fish kept coming at him and forced a careless error that gave the 29-year-old a break in the fourth game.

Fish's formidable serve kept Federer from wrestling back the initiative in time to save the set.

But Federer has too many weapons at his disposal to be subdued for long. A sublime drop shot gave him two break points and he converted the second to move 2-0 ahead in the final set.

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Golf: Kruger and O'Hara share South African Open lead

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Jbe Kruger shared the early field on Thursday with Steven O'Hara after hitting a series of birdies to score seven-under-par 65 in the first round of the South African Open.

The South African fired seven birdies in a bogey-free start that he shared with Scot O'Hara, who hit an eagle at the 8th and a lone bogey at the 4th at the Serengeti Golf and Wildlife Estate on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

The 25-year-old secured pars until the 7th, where he made the final birdie of his round and took the lead at

seven-under in the morning of the one-million-euro championship.

O'Hara described his first round as good and said he needed a good finish this week.

South Africans Retief Goosen, Merrick Bremner, David Hewan and Tyrone Mordt shared third place one stroke behind the top of the leaderboard.

Last year's edition went down to the wire between Ernie Els and Goosen, with Els holding off a four-birdie Goosen come-back on the last five to win by a single stroke

at the Durban Country Club.

It was the Johannesburg native's fifth victory in the tournament.

The contest, the second-oldest national championship after the British Open, turns 101 this year.

Notably absent from the November 24-27 tournament are locals and Major winners Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel, who are at the Omega Mission Hills World Cup in China.

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Football: Chechen boss faces fraud charge

GENEVA (AFP) - The Chechen boss of Swiss football club Neuchatel Xamax, Bulat Chagaev, was charged with forgery on Thursday following four hours of questioning in Geneva, prosecutors said.

Businessman Chagaev, 51, is under investigation after media reports suggested he had submitted a falsified document to prove his solvency during a bankruptcy trial.

"Prosecutor Yves Bertossa confirmed a charge of written forgery without commenting further," a spokesman for the



public prosecutors office was quoted by the Sports information agency as saying.

The football boss was questioned during a lengthy session on Thursday before leaving with lawyer Jacques Barillon, who told waiting journalists his client had been asked about his dealings and also "other people and associations" linked to the affair.

A prosecutor in the canton of Neuchatel said last week that a Bank of America document provided by Chagaev stating that he held \$35 million was not produced by the institution.

Barillon said Chagaev told the hearing he had not written the document in question but he recognised that it did not come

from the Bank of America.

The businessman, also facing allegations of attempted fraud, could face five years in jail if found guilty.

Over the past fortnight, the Swiss courts have searched the Geneva offices of two of Chagaev's companies, his home in Saint-Sulpice near Lausanne and the office of Neuchatel Xamax.

Chagaev's ownership of Xamax has been controversial in Switzerland -- earlier this season he sacked the entire coaching staff after the side lost 2-0 to Basel.

More recently, the Swiss Football League fined the club 20,000 francs (16,440 euros) for flouting licensing rules, after they failed to respond to queries over their budget.

Beckham in PSG talks - Leonardo

PARIS (AFP) - Former England captain David Beckham has kickstarted talks to join French league leaders Paris St Germain, according to the club's sporting director Leonardo.

Beckham's Los Angeles Galaxy contract runs out at the end of December and PSG - top of Ligue 1 after the arrival of new Qatari owners in the summer - have become the favourites to sign the former Manchester United player.

The 36-year-old revealed that he has been courted by "two big European clubs" after helping the Galaxy to the

MLS title last weekend.

Former AC Milan manager Leonardo, who coached Beckham during his loan move at the San Siro last year, confirmed PSG were one of those clubs as they look to bring one of football's most high-profile names to the French capital.

"Yes, we've spoken. These situations take time. We'll see if something suits him and suits us," Leonardo was quoted as saying in The Sun.

"When you talk about Beckham, you're talking about something big. Now his contract is finished, he will decide his future."

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